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1. PALESTINE: Single authority replacing PCC urged--US Ambassador McDonald in Tel Aviv expresses the belief that the three-nation Palestine Conciliation Commission (PCC), despite US Representative Porter's best efforts, will remain incapable of the "strong affirmative and united actions" needed to induce the Arab states and Israel to move beyond the present armistice agreements. McDonald considers it "vital" that the PCC be replaced by a "single-man authority" and recommends that the US initiate a campaign now to have the UN General Assembly take this step.

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2. CHINA: Plans for evacuation of US citizens--The Department of State, in view of the increasingly intolerable situation confronting US nationals in Shanghai, has recommended that the US Consul General take steps to urge US citizens desiring to leave Shanghai to apply for exit permits. The Department states that it will arrange suitable transportation facilities after receiving specific information regarding the number of Americans and other foreigners willing and able to leave. The Department is recommending that similar steps be taken in Nanking and Hankow.

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